



April 20, 2022

*Carpinteria Valley Water District  
1301 Santa Ynez Ave.  
Carpinteria, CA 93013*

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
To Customers and Owners of Real Property About  
Proposed Water Rates and Charges Increases**

**When: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 @ 5:30 pm**  
**Where: Carpinteria City Hall, 5775 Carpinteria Ave, Carpinteria, CA 93013**

The Board of Directors of the Carpinteria Valley Water District will hold a **Public Hearing** on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. to consider increases in its Rates and Charges.

**The District is proposing changes, in some cases increases, to**

- 1. the Unit cost of water,**
- 2. the Basic monthly charge and State Water Project Charge,**
- 3. the Capital Improvement Program charge for non-agricultural customers,**
- 4. the AG O&M charge for agricultural customers,**
- 5. the Fire Service charges, and**
- 6. the Drought Rates.**

Rate increases reflect increases in inflation. The increases are for normal and drought related operational and capital expenditures. The District continues to face exceptional drought circumstances and the related costs make up the greatest share of the increases in rates and charges.

The proposed changes to the Rates and Charges are shown below on pages 3-5. Actual Rates and Charges increases adopted by the Board on June 8 could be lower. This District determines rate changes using its Cost of Service model which is available for review upon request. The total bill resulting from the new rates and charges may be lower or higher from previous years for different customers.

Please call the District @ 805-684-2816 if you would like to know specifically how the proposed Water Rates changes are likely to affect your monthly bill.

If you oppose the **Rates and Charges increases (as shown in the Tables below)** please mail your written protest with *original signature* (no facsimiles) to the General Manager/Secretary of the Carpinteria Valley Water District at 1301 Santa Ynez Avenue, Carpinteria CA 93013, **or** deliver it prior to the close of the Public Hearing held by the Board of Directors at Carpinteria City Hall on Wednesday June 8, 2022.

**The District is currently closed to the public due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. All mailed protests must be received by June 8, 2022 at 5:00 pm. Written protests submitted during the Public Hearing must be submitted to the Secretary at Carpinteria City Hall before the Public Hearing concludes.**

One written protest per parcel, submitted in accordance with the requirements below, will be counted as a protest for that parcel:

If you are a legal **property owner**, your protest *must* include the following information:

- (1) A statement indicating the specific rate and/or charge you are protesting.
- (2) The assessor's parcel number(s) *or* street address(es) of the identified parcel(s).
- (3) The printed name *and* original signature of the property owner of record.

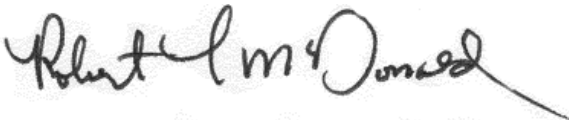
If you are a District **customer of record**, your written protest *must* include the following information:

- (1) A statement indicating the specific rate and/or charge you are protesting.
- (2) The street address(es) where water service is delivered.
- (3) The printed name *and* original signature of the District customer of record.
- (4) Your ten-digit District account number(s).

To be counted, the written protest must be received by the District prior to the close of the Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 8, 2022; or, if mailed, received by the District no later than 5:00pm on June 8, 2022. The District will tabulate protests at the close of the public meeting.

If written protests against the proposed fee or charge increase are presented by a majority of owners and/or customers of identified parcels served by the District, the District shall not impose the fee or charge increase.

Please call me, Bob McDonald, General Manager, at 805-263-4826 if you have any questions about the Public Hearing process or the proposed Water Rates and Charges increases, which are required to fund the cost of providing safe and reliable water service, including the District's operating costs, capital projects, and debt service.



General Manager

***El Distrito es bilingue, para informacion sobre los aumentos favor de llamar a la oficina 805-684-2816***

*The District's governing Resolution No. 919 can be found on the District website:*

*[www.cvwd.net/pdf/about/public\\_info/resolution919.pdf](http://www.cvwd.net/pdf/about/public_info/resolution919.pdf)*

*or at the District office: 1301 Santa Ynez Ave. Carpinteria CA, 93013*

*Proposed Water Rates and Monthly Service Charges effective July billing period*

**Table I**

<b>Water Rates (unit cost)</b>							
	<b>Current FY 2022</b>			<b>Proposed FY 2023</b>			<b>*Difference</b>
	Base	Pressure Zone I	Pressure Zone II	Base	Pressure Zone I	Pressure Zone II	
1 unit = 100 cubic feet (HCF) or 748 gallons	HCF	HCF	HCF	HCF	HCF	HCF	\$
<b>Residential</b>							
Tier 1	\$3.67	\$3.87	\$4.16	\$3.26	\$3.50	\$3.75	(\$0.41)
Tier 2	\$4.39	\$4.59	\$4.88	\$4.93	\$5.17	\$5.42	\$0.54
Tier 3	\$5.32	\$5.52	\$5.81	\$5.67	\$5.91	\$6.16	\$0.35
<b>Commercial, Industrial &amp; Public Authority</b>							
Base	\$3.76	\$3.96	\$4.25	\$3.76	\$4.00	\$4.25	(\$0.00)
Peak	\$5.12	\$5.32	\$5.61	\$6.06	\$6.30	\$6.55	\$0.94
<b>Agricultural Irrigation</b>							
Uniform Residential Equivalency Fee	\$1.95	\$2.15	\$2.44	\$2.02	\$2.26	\$2.51	\$0.07
	\$18.10	per month		\$17.24			(\$0.86)

**Table II**

<b>Monthly Basic and State Water Project Charges</b>							
	<b>Current FY 2022</b>			<b>Proposed FY 2023</b>			<b>*Difference</b>
Meter Size	Basic	SWP	Total	Basic	SWP	Total	\$
3/4"	\$10.11	\$35.37	\$45.48	\$9.61	\$32.42	\$42.03	(\$3.45)
1"	\$14.23	\$58.94	\$73.17	\$13.35	\$54.02	\$67.37	(\$5.80)
1 1/2"	\$24.53	\$117.88	\$142.41	\$22.68	\$108.04	\$130.72	(\$11.69)
2"	\$36.89	\$188.60	\$225.49	\$33.87	\$172.87	\$206.74	(\$18.75)
3"	\$76.03	\$412.56	\$488.59	\$69.32	\$378.16	\$447.48	(\$41.11)
4"	\$133.70	\$742.62	\$876.32	\$121.57	\$680.68	\$802.25	(\$74.07)
6"	\$271.71	\$1,532.38	\$1,804.09	\$246.59	\$1,404.58	\$1,651.17	(\$152.92)
MFR – Individually Metered	\$10.11	\$35.37	\$45.48	\$9.61	\$15.67	\$25.28	(\$20.20)
MFR – Master-Metered	By Meter Size	\$35.37		By Meter Size	\$15.67		

**Table III a -M&I (non – Agriculture)**

Monthly Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Charge						
Current FY 2022			Proposed FY 2023			*Difference \$
Rate	\$3.70	per HCF	Rate	\$4.63	per HCF	\$0.93
Minimum	\$22.20	6 HCF	Minimum	\$27.78	6 HCF	\$5.58
Maximum	\$462.50	125 HCF	Maximum	\$1,157.50	250 HCF	\$695.00

\*Negative value means the rate is decreasing

**Table III b -Agriculture**

Monthly O&M Charge			
Meter Size	Current FY 2022	Proposed FY 2023	*Difference \$
3/4"	\$28.82	\$40.54	\$11.72
1"	\$48.02	\$67.56	\$19.54
1 1/2"	\$96.04	\$135.11	\$39.07
2"	\$153.66	\$216.18	\$62.52
3"	\$336.13	\$472.88	\$136.75
4"	\$605.02	\$851.18	\$246.16
6"	\$1,248.45	\$1,756.41	\$507.96

**Table IV -Fire Service**

Fireline Size	Current FY 2022			Proposed FY 2023	*Difference
	Basic	SWP	Total	Basic	\$
2"	\$8.56	\$35.36	\$43.92	\$15.32	(\$28.60)
3"	\$17.36	\$79.57	\$96.93	\$36.85	(\$60.08)
4"	\$32.55	\$141.45	\$174.00	\$73.99	(\$100.01)
6"	\$87.05	\$318.27	\$405.32	\$207.27	(\$198.05)
8"	\$181.06	\$565.80	\$746.86	\$437.16	(\$309.70)
10"	\$322.47	\$884.07	\$1,206.54	\$782.97	(\$423.57)

\*Negative value means the rate is decreasing

**Table V a – Variable Drought Rates**

	Current FY 2022	Proposed FY 2023	*Difference
1 unit = 100 HCF or 748 Gal	HCF	HCF	\$
<b>Residential</b>			
Tier 1	\$0	\$0.26	\$0.26
Tier 2	\$0	\$0.39	\$0.39
Tier 3	\$0	\$0.45	\$0.45
<b>Commercial, Industrial &amp; Public Authority</b>			
Base	\$0	\$0.30	\$0.30
Peak	\$0	\$0.48	\$0.48
<b>Agricultural Irrigation</b>			
Uniform	\$0	\$0.16	\$0.16

**Table V b – Fixed Drought Rates**

<b>Monthly Drought Charges</b>			
<b>Meter Size</b>	<b>Current FY 2022</b>	<b>Proposed FY 2023</b>	<b>*Difference \$</b>
3/4"	\$0	\$6.45	\$6.45
1"	\$0	\$10.75	\$10.75
1 1/2"	\$0	\$21.50	\$21.50
2"	\$0	\$34.39	\$34.39
3"	\$0	\$75.24	\$75.24
4"	\$0	\$135.43	\$135.43
6"	\$0	\$279.46	\$279.46

**Table I. Water Rates (definitions)**

**Water Rates** refer to the unit cost of water, with one unit defined as 748 gallons or 100 cubic feet (HCF) of water.

**Pressure Zone I** refers to connections served by Gobernador Reservoir.

**Pressure Zone II** refers to connections served by Shepard Mesa Tank.

Existing Water Rate structure for Commercial, Industrial and Public Authority customers:

**Base Tier** is based on the 5-year (Dec. to Mar.) water consumption by account and/or dwelling unit; this calculation has a 6 HCF min.

**Peak Tier** pricing applies to all consumption in excess of Base.

Existing Water Rate structure for Agricultural customers:

**Uniform** all water charged at uniform rate.

Agricultural customers with residential units pay a Residential Equivalency fee that covers drinking water treatment related costs.

Existing Water Rate structure for Residential customers:

**Tier 1** is based on efficient indoor use for a three-person household.

**Tier 2** is based on average summer use (Jun. to Sep.) of the Residential class.

**Tier 3** pricing applies to all consumption in excess of Tier 2 use.

The proposed Water Rate structure is not changing for any customer class.

**Table II. Monthly Basic and State Water Project Charges**

**Monthly Service Charges** for individually metered dwelling units or structures include:

A **Basic** component to fund costs associated with meter maintenance, customer service, and billing.

A State Water Project or **SWP** component to fund 100% of the District’s SWP debt obligation. This charge varies with meter size.

Monthly Service Charges for all dwelling units classified as Multi-Family (MFR) but individually metered are adjusted to the service level of approximately half of a ¾” meter for the **SWP** component of the charge. The **Basic** charge is equal to the charge for a ¾” meter. All dwelling units with a master meter are adjusted to the service level of half of a ¾” meter for the **SWP** component of the charge. The **SWP** charge also depends on the number of dwelling units. The **Basic** charge for master meter accounts varies by meter size.

**Table IIIa. Monthly Capital Improvement Program Charges**

The Capital Improvement Program or **CIP** charge pays the District’s non-SWP debt obligations and capital project costs associated with projects helping the District meet current and proposed drinking water quality standards set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and enforced by the California State Water Board. These charges are based on 5-year average monthly water use, subject to a minimum of 6 HCF and a maximum of 250 HCF per month.

**Table IIIb. Monthly O&M Charge for Agricultural Accounts**

In the existing rate structure, the **AG O&M** charge appeared only on the bills of agricultural accounts. This charge funds the portion of costs that are collected from other customer classes through the **CIP** charge, which funds non-SWP debt obligations and capital projects for repair and replacement of water system infrastructure necessary to maintain the District’s level of service. These charges are based on meter size.

**Table IV. Monthly Service Charges for Fire Service**

**Monthly Service Charges for Fire Service** recover costs associated with providing private fire protection. The existing rate structure included **Basic** and **SWP** components. The **SWP** component is proposed to be eliminated in the proposed rate structure. These charges are based on fireline size.

**Table V. Monthly Drought Rates**

The existing rate structure does not include drought charges. Based on the existing Stage II shortage declaration the proposed rate structure will include a **fixed and variable drought surcharge**. These charges recover revenue losses from demand reduction, and recover drought related costs such as, variable costs associated with State Water deliveries, costs associated with the Lake Cachuma EFP Secure Pipeline Project, and costs associated with supplemental water supply purchases.